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As a follow-up to Mike Overbay's communications with (b) (6) . . . I talked with Mr. Joe Ball, LDNR State UIC director, regarding (b) (6) complaint. Mr. Ball will investigate and review any previous actions at DNR related to (b) (6) issues. I plan on talking again with Mr. Ball early next week.

I also talked again with (b) (6) this morning; he seems please that EPA is involved and investigating his complaint which involves oil and gas, injection, and air issues. I told him that we've referred his complaint to LDNR, and we expect to hear from the state agency early next week.

After we receive all the facts and information of any previous actions from LDNR, I anticipate we can respond to (b) (6) more effectively.

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Mike,

Thank you for the follow up. (b) (6) has continued to contact me as well with a similar list of issues which are a smattering of health concerns as well as financial concerns regarding resource ownership on the land. I, as well, am not sure where to direct him for any further help. I am glad to know that the amounts of metal in the soil are seemingly not a cause for concern (not my area of expertise so I could not help him there). In speaking with him, it sounds to me like the well previously existed at its location, was closed and capped, and has been reopened for secondary recovery likely due to the increased price of oil making it economically feasible for recovery. I have mentioned to him that we don't have any oversight as to mineral resource rights. It is helpful to know what you have done to assist him as it is sometimes a bit difficult to understand things from his point of view.

I really do appreciate your extensive research into the issue and assisting this member of the public. I

owe him a call back and I will reiterate what you have stated here.

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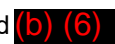
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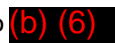
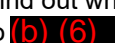
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 Michael Overbay---10/24/2012 10:44:08 AM---Mike, Don and Rob, I have spoken with  at least 3-4 times now. I asked  for a copy

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Mike, Don and Rob,

I have spoken with  at least 3-4 times now. I asked  for a copy of his analytical results of the soil he claims is contaminated and he said he could not get them to me due to his health, which I took to me he could not get out of his house. I asked him to read me the numbers and units on the report instead, and his numbers for barium, chromium, lead and arsenic were all well below our screening levels. At that point he said his health was impacted so they had to be making him sick, which I told him I could only go by the numbers we have. He did say that the odors, including a rotten egg smell, were making it almost impossible for him to breathe, so I gave him Don Smith's telephone number and told him that if Don isn't the right guy for the air complaint he could refer him.

As a courtesy to , Mike F. still needs to contact LDNR and find out about the wells, both injection and production, right around his house (be sure to find out what the Aug. 2011 entry in SONRIS for the Lulah Clark well is), although I have made it clear to  that our program (GW/UIC) would not have any ability or authority to respond to his complaints, which appear to be that: 1) a company put "flow" lines across his property without his permission or paying him anything; 2) he said the ground was bubbling near the flow lines, but when I asked him if it was still happening, he said he thinks they might have fixed it without telling him; 3) he thinks someone (Denbury) drilled a well in 2008 and spread the mud on the surface and it is on his property (although the results he mentioned were below screening levels); 4) he believes his resources are being stolen by that well; and 5) he believes there are air emissions making him sick (this is the only thing EPA could look at as far as I could see, so I am sending it to Don).

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Rob,

Thanks a lot to both of you. It sounds like he wasn't making much headway himself with the state agency and he genuinely seemed grateful that anyone took an interest and initiative to help him as a result. I don't know ultimately if there is a lot we can do but at least we made an effort to hear his concerns and try to help.

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Cory - wanted to let you know that (b) (6) called both Mike and me today. Mike offered to contact the LDNR (state oil & gas agency) and find out more about the Denbury well that was drilled near the (b) (6) residence.

Thanks for giving us the heads-up on his inquiry.

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 Cory Wagner---10/16/2012 03:27:03 PM---Rob and Mike, I received a call yesterday from a (b) (6). He had several concerns

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Rob and Mike,

I received a call yesterday from a (b) (6). He had several concerns and it was difficult to tease out precisely what his issue was. I am in the TRI program and none of it seemed particularly related to anything that I could help him with. He mentioned a couple of issues. The first was the potential presence of contaminants in his soil. He mentioned some things such as arsenic at 7.42 ppm, barium, and even thorium although he didn't give detection amounts on those. The reason I am troubling you with any of this is that he also mentioned an operation going on near his house that might be a fracking well. I know that fracking doesn't explain the presence of the toxics in his soil very well but he did mention a rotten egg sulfur type smell and was very concerned with what they were doing near his land. I got your names from Mort Wakeland, my Region 6 TRI coordinator as the people to talk to about fracking in the region.

I did get his address:

(b) (6)

I ran this through most of the facility siting tools I have at disposal in EPA and found nothing within 15 miles of this address. I checked frackfocus.org and they didn't seem to have any information about a well near that address. I googled the address and I can't see anything that looks like a frack well in the area. That may just mean that the map data is old and the well is relatively new. He said that the company operating the well is Denbury out of Texas.

I'm going to call him back and tell him what I found. If it seems like there is a frack operation going on over there...he did say it was enhanced secondary recovery, I would like to give him your numbers to talk about the fracking portion of his issue. Not sure where to go on the soil issue, if you have any ideas, I'd

appreciate hearing them. I just wanted to give you a heads up if he calls you. He isn't very technologically advanced, he has no email or computer, just a phone. He also isn't overly technical so, if he does call, keep that in mind. If you can help him, I'd appreciate it. He indicated that he tried to work with LA DEQ and DNR and they hung up on him.

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